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Re: Applicants: Holger LUTHJE et al.  
Serial No.: 09/937,996  
Filed: September 28, 2001  
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Attached is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment for the  
above-referenced application.

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph at Page 1, line 4,

--**Related Cases**

This application is a continuation of International Application PCT/EP00/02839 which was internationally filed on March 30, 2000 and has a foreign priority date of April 1, 1999 and which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--

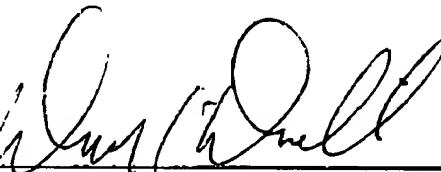
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**REMARKS**

A Decision Under 37 CFR 1.78 dated March 22, 2005 was received for the above-referenced patent application. The Petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) was dismissed without prejudice because Requirement (1) had not been satisfied because the reference to the prior filed application included in the "Second Preliminary Amendment" filed on January 9, 2004 did not explicitly state whether the instant application is a continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application of the international application. The Specification has now been amended to claim that this application is a continuation of the international application. Therefore, we request reconsideration of the March 22, 2005 Decision and that the Petition Under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) be granted.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to our deposit account #19-0120.

Respectfully submitted,  
LUTHJE, Holger et al.

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